


MORTAL KOMBAT II[®]



COLLECTOR'S EDITION COMIC BOOK



HE RUSHED STRAIGHT FOR US,
ALL FOUR ARMS AND 560
POUNDS OF SOLID MUSCLE.

BUT WE
WERE
READY.

GORO LOST FAIR AND
SQUARE TO LIU KANG
IN SHANG TSUNG'S
TOURNAMENT. THAT'S
WHEN ALL HELL BROKE
LOOSE. TSUNG WAS
OUTRAGED; HE WANTED
ALL OUR SOULS. HE
SICKED GORO AND A
FEW HUNDRED OF HIS
BEST WARRIORS ON US.

ME, KANG AND SONYA WERE
TO HOLD BACK GORO. RAIDEN,
AND THE NINJAS SUB-ZERO AND
SCORPION, HELD BACK
TSUNG'S ARMY.

LIU KANG WAS HOPEFULLY
KICKIN' THE OLD MAN'S BUTT.



...UNTIL
RAIDEN
HAPPENED
BY.

HE
CAN
FLY.

HE'S A GOD,
YOU KNOW.

HOLD TIGHT,
JOHNNY CAGE. THIS
ISLAND REALM IS
SELF-DESTRUCTING
AS A RESULT OF
SHANG TSUNG'S
DEATH.

SO LIU
KANG
WON?

YES, HE DID.
BUT THIS ISLAND
WAS HELD TOGETHER
BY TSUNG'S
EXISTENCE. WE MUST
MAKE A QUICK EXIT
THROUGH A PORTAL
I HAVE CREATED.

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
OTHERS?

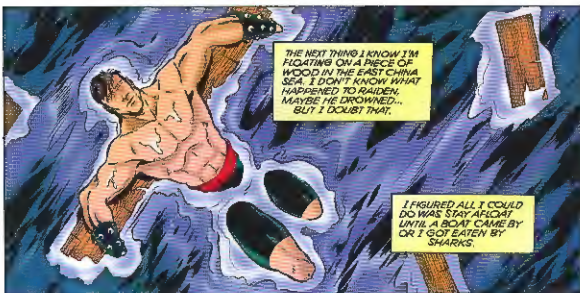
LIU KANG HAS
ALREADY ESCAPED.
SUB-ZERO WAS KILLED
BY SCORPION AFTER OUR
BATTLE WITH TSUNG'S
ARMY. THEN SCORPION
BURST INTO FLAMES AND
BURNED TO ASHES BE-
FORE MY EYES.

WOW,
WHAT A
DRAMATIC
EXIT!

PREPARE
YOURSELF CAGE.
OUR EXIT THROUGH
THE PORTAL WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY A
VIOLENT
EXPLOSION.

DO WE
NEED SUCH
A DRAMATIC
EXIT?

FFOOOOOSH!

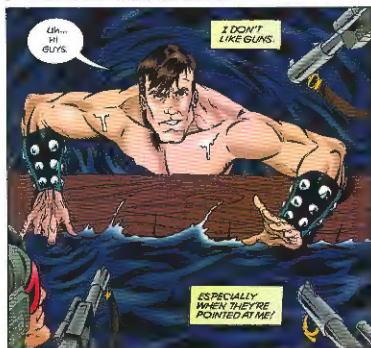


THE NEXT THING I KNOW I'M
FLOATING ON A PIECE OF
WOOD IN THE EAST CHINA
SEA. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO RAIDEN,
MAYBE HE DROWNED...
BUT I DOUBT THAT.

I FIGURED ALL I COULD
DO WAS STAY AFLOAT
UNTIL A BOAT CAME BY
OR I GOT EATEN BY
SHARKS.



THEN I SEE A FRIENDLY-LOOKING
BOAT. IT EVEN HAS AN AMERICAN
FLAG ON IT. IT HAS COOL LIGHTS
AND NEAT SYMBOLS PAINTED
ALL OVER. AND IT HAD GUNS...
LOTS OF GUNS!



Uh...
HI
GUYS.

I DON'T
LIKE GUNS.

ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY'RE
POINTED AT ME!



AND THAT'S
THE LAST TIME
I'M TELLING
YOU THE
STORY.

THURSDAY MORNING,
8 A.M. EST
SPECIAL FORCES
BASE 05

JAX, THAT'S THE FIFTH TIME HE'S TOLD THAT STORY. EACH TIME IN EXACT DETAIL, UNCHANGED. HOW ELSE DO YOU EXPLAIN HIM FLOATING IN THE EAST CHINA SEA. AND ALL THE WOOD AND STONE FRAGMENTS WE PICKED UP, THEY'RE ANCIENT.

I DON'T BUY IT, BERAN! SONYA AND HER TEAM SENT OUT THAT DISTRESS SIGNAL AND IT WAS CENTERED RIGHT WHERE WE PICKED UP MR. HOLLYWOOD!

AND I DON'T THINK SONYA WOULD EVER FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH KANO!

SHE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE!



I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT, JAX!

NOW, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND UNTYING ME, I'VE GOT A MOVIE TO MAKE!

A BATTLE-SCARRED REALM, RULED FOR AGES BY A FIERCE WARLORD KNOWN AS THE EMPEROR SHAO KAHN.

IT IS HERE WHERE THE DEMON SORCERER SHANG TSUNG BEGAN HIS MISSION TO UNBALANCE THE EARTH REALM'S FURIES--

--THUS ALLOWING HIS MASTER SHAO KAHN TO ENTER THE REALM AND BRING IT UNDER HIS RULE.

BUT, TSUNG HAS FAILED IN HIS MISSION AND NOW MUST ANSWER FOR HIS CRIME OR PAY THE PRICE.

GREAT SHAO KAHN! I DEMAND SHANG TSUNG'S EXECUTION! THROUGH HIS CARELESS ENDEAVORS WE HAVE LOST THE GREATEST OF OUR WARRIORS, MY SON GORO!

THE HUMANS OF EARTH REALM WERE THOUGHT TO BE WEAK AND UNFOCUSED. THIS WAS ALL BASED ON THE WORDS OF SHANG TSUNG HIMSELF. YET HE WAS DEFEATED BY A SHAOLIN MONK! THE SHAOLIN STUDY PEACE AND PASSIVE WAYS.

LIU KANG SHOULD NEVER HAVE DEFEATED SHANG TSUNG--

--AND WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE SENT A SORCERER TO DO THE WORK OF A WARRIOR!

AS GORBAK, KING OF KUATAN, I ASK THAT SHANG TSUNG RETURN WITH ME TO MY GREAT KINGDOM...

...AND BE EXECUTED BEFORE MY PEOPLE!

ONLY THIS WILL ATONE FOR THE DEATH OF GORO!

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, GORBAK.

HOWEVER, WE MUST NOW LOOK PAST THE DEATH OF OUR GREAT CHAMPION.

WE HAVE OCCUPIED THIS REALM FOR AGES. MY STRENGTH GROWS, YET THIS REALM HAS CEASED TO GROW WITH IT. I NEED ROOM FOR MY POWERS TO EXPAND.

I CANNOT SET FOOT ONTO EARTH'S SOIL UNTIL ITS FURIES ARE UNBALANCED. SHANG TSUNG HAS FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. I WILL GIVE MY SERVANT ONE LAST THOUGHT TO DEVISE A REASON...

...A REASON WHY I SHOULD NOT STRIKE HIM DOWN MYSELF.

MY MASTER, WE CAN INITIATE A NEW CHALLENGE, A NEW TOURNAMENT. THE RULES ARE QUITE CLEAR IN THIS MATTER.

ANY REALM CAN EXERCISE ITS RIGHT OF CHALLENGE AS LONG AS IT CAN BREACH THE DIMENSIONAL GATES THAT SEPARATE IT FROM THE OTHER REALM.

THE TRICK IS OPENING A PORTAL. I COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK AS I DID A THOUSAND YEARS AGO -- IF MY STRENGTH WAS RENEWED.

THE RESULTING PORTAL WOULD ALSO BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR A SMALL ARMY OF WARRIORS TO ENTER THE EARTH REALM...

...AND, PERHAPS, ENACT REVENGE AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GORO'S DEATH.

SHADOW PRIEST, TELL ME...

WHAT LIES IN MY FUTURE IF I ALLOW SHANG TSUNG TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN?

THE DEMON SORCERER'S PLAN IS A TRUST IN THE RULES OF TOURNAMENT BATTLE. THE BREACH THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL GATE IS A METHOD OF EXERCISING THE RIGHTS OF CHALLENGE -- THOUGH IT GOES AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE ELDER GODS.

THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SEE A CLEAR OUTCOME. IF WE WIN THIS NEW TOURNAMENT, YOUR LIFE WILL BE ETERNAL, YOUR POWER UNMATCHED -- YOU WILL BECOME A GOD.

IF YOU LOSE -- YOU WILL SUFFER ETERNAL DAMNATION.

IF SHANG TSUNG MUST LIVE, THEN SO BE IT! BUT I INSIST, IF THIS EXCURSION BACK INTO THE REALM IS TO SUCCEED, WE MUST SEND A WARRIOR FROM KUATAN.

I OFFER KINTARO.

GREAT SHAO KAHN, I STAND AT YOUR COMMAND.

YOUR PRESENCE IS WELCOMED, KINTARO.

SHANG TSUNG, YOUR LIFE NO LONGER EXISTS IN THE EARTH REALM. THEREFORE, I WILL GRANT YOU A NEW PHYSICAL FORM.

ONE THAT WILL REPLENISH YOUR POWERS OF SORCERY AND FOOL THE EARTH GODS INTO ALLOWING YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL GATE.

IF YOU FAIL IN THIS MISSION, ALL THE OUTWORLD WILL BE WIPED FROM REALITY... AND YOU WILL SUFFER A FATE OF ETERNAL TORTURE.

SHANG TSUNG FEELS PAIN HE HAS NEVER FELT BEFORE.

HIS FLESH, HIS SOUL... TORN FROM ITS VERY EXISTENCE.

HE WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED. HIS YOUTH RESTORED, HIS STRENGTH MULTIPLIED, HIS UNHOLY POWER REPLENISHED.

SHANG TSUNG
BEFORE ANY
CHALLENGE IS
MADE, I WANT
THE PRESENCE
OF THE OUT-
WORLD FELT.

YOU ARE TO CRUSH THE WARRIORS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SHRO'S DEATH.

LET THE POWER OF THE
OUTWORLD SPEAK TO THE SHAOIN
TEMPLE THROUGH DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION.

WE MUST NOT FALTER
IN OUR SCHEME... VICTORY
WILL UNBALANCE THE EARTH'S
FORCES. MY DARK POWERS
WILL EXPAND THROUGHOUT
ITS UNIVERSE, AND THE
ELDER GODS' WISHES
WILL BE NOTHING MORE
THAN A NUISANCE.

"KINTARO--"

"KITANA--"

"MILEENA--"

"BARAKA--"

"SHANG
TSUNG--"

"BY THE UNHOLY
DARKNESS THAT
CONSUMES ME...
I WILL HAVE
THE EARTH
REALM!"



SPECIAL FORCES B.A.P.O.

EXACTLY
TRY AND
CLEAN UP
THE SIGNAL

SIR I
CANT EVEN
PINPOINT 1-3
SOURCE

"ZZZZZZ"
BLADE 1000 SIO -
WEET CANT - 1-3 SIO
BT THIS
MESSAGE TO
MAJOR BR1000

SAY I'M TRAPPED IN ANOTHER REALM CALLED THE
OUTWORLD - IT'S A LONG STORY YOU'VE GOTTA
BELIEVE EVERY WORD NO MATTER HOW RIDICULOUS
IT SEEMS - AND FURNISH ME WITH A CITY (AT LEAST 10)
HOURS WE THINK MAYBE THEY'RE BACK ON EARTH.
THEY CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING



WE'RE
TRAPPED OUT
IN A FOREST
OUTSIDE OF
AGIAN - IT
CALLED
SHEDAN

HEY SONJA
LOOK WHAT
I FOUND



SAY THEY'RE OUT
TO BE LADY BR1000
YOU'VE GOTTA BR1000
TAMM

GUNNAR
THAT
FALLS IN

HI JACKO!
WE'RE WORKING
TOGETHER ON
THIS ONE THESE
PEAKS WANT
THE ENTIRE
PLANET CANT
STAY HAVE
IT SEEM AS
MUCH I WANT
IT

HEY BRING
GUNS! LOTS OF
SSZZZZKK



HOLD THE
SIGNAL

I STILL
CANT GET
A FIX
WE'VE
LOST
IT!

BRENN
TRACK DOWN
LADY SHARLET
SAY A GUNTER
READY IT LOOKS
LIKE MR HOLLY
WOOD WAS
TELLING THE
TRUTH

THE HONAN PROVINCE
CHINA

HIDDEN DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THIS
RURAL COUNTRY SIDE IS LIAI KUNG'S
SHAO LIN TEMPLE. NOW, AS AN RETURNING
VICTORIOUS, THE ONCE GREAT TEMPLE
LIES IN RUIN.

THE SHAO LIN ARE YOUNG. THEY WERE
LEARNING THE VERY BEGINNINGS OF THE
SHAO LIN WAY OF LIFE AND ART OF THE
ORDER
OF FIGHT.

THE ATTACKERS KNEW THIS
TEMPLE WAS AN EASY TARGET.
THEIR MOTIVE WAS REVENGE.
AND REVENGE CAN RESULT IN
THE MOST VIOLENT OF ACTIONS.

I SWEAR
MY SHAO LIN
BROTHERS THE
VILLAINS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS CRIME SHALL
PAY THE PRICE
OF MY PROMISE!

IT SOUNDS
MORE LIKE A
THREAT OF
REVENGE

WILL

KUNG
LAO!

I AM
SURPRISED YOU
REMEMBER YOU
LEFT OUR WHITE
LOTUS SOCIETY
TO COMPETE IN THE
GREAT TOURNAMENT.
NOW, YOU RE-
TURN TO US.



AND WHAT OF YOUR DECISION?
YOU JOINED THE WHITE LOTUS
SPECIFICALLY WHEN THOU WAST IN
NEEDED YOU MOST. I HAD
TO RETURN-- I HAD TO
COMPLETE MY YOUNG
MENTORSHIP--

AND NOW
WHAT YOUR VICTORY
HAS DONE. UNBROKEN
THAT WHICH YOU
TREASURED MOST.

A
PRICE
AT A SHADOW
MUST BE
PAID.

WE
KNOW FROM
OUR ANCESTRY
DAYS. WE
KNOW THE
WORLD OUTSIDE
OUR TEMPLE
GATES.

WE
DO
ALL THIS TO
RISK OUR
LIVES IN
BATTLE.

TO SAVE
A WORLD
WHICH WE
DARE OUR
HISTORY AS
MY H...

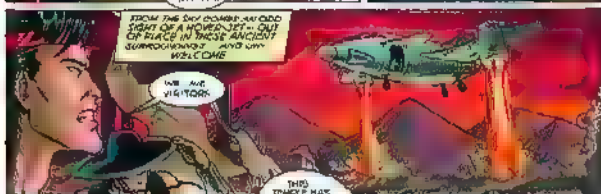
FAITH
TALES!

LIN...
IS QUITE
OBVIOUS
WHO
ATTEMPTED
THIS
TEMPLE



YOUR
BATTLE WITH
THE DARK
DEMONS IS FAR
FROM OVER.

WHEN
I REQUIRE
YOU CAN FIGHT
ON KUNG LAD TO
FIGHT AT YOUR
SIDE.



FROM THE SKY COMES AN OLD
SIGN OF A MOVED JET-- OUT
OF PLACE IN THESE ANCIENT
SURROUNDINGS. AND WE
WELCOME.

WE
ARE
VISITORS.

THIS
TEMPLE HAS
BEEN A SACRED
AND HIDDEN
LOCATION FOR
A THOUSAND
YEARS.



APPARENTLY
WE KNOW
THAT ANCESTRY
BELONGS TO
THE LIN KUNG.



HELLO THERE! QUOTE A MA TIE MA SOON DI OFF HERE I'VE CAUGHT SOME OF IT ON SURVEILLANCE

WHAT DO YOU WANT ASSASSIN?

ASSASSIN? ONLY WHEN THE JOB CALLS FOR IT PLEASE GIVE ME A MOMENT TO KEEP AIN



HERE'S MY CARD

CONTACT IT
HOM M P
SUB ZERO

YOU'RE NOT SUB ZERO

I SAW YOUR LITH BURIED BY A SPECTER CALLED SCURPTION



YES WE ALL HAVE OUR GHOSTS THE SUB ZERO YOU SAW KILLED WAS MY LITTLE BROTHER HE WAS TWO BORN IN MANY WAYS HE WENT TO UTILIZE MODERN TECHNOLOGY ON HIS MISSIONS

A SHAME REALLY HE WAS AMONG THE LINE IN A PINEBET ALTHOUGH FAST BECOMING OBSOLETE

WE TOOK SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS

THEY KEEP CAL FROM THIS CITY SHANG TUNG I THOUGHT HE WAS AN OLD MAN

THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEING AFTER CAGE

A FRIEND

WHO'S IT?

TELL ME SUB ZERO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MOUNT WOODY

WE WERE PICKING UP VERY HIGH MAGNETIC READINGS IN THE AREA, INDICATING A PORTAL OPENING WE THOUGHT MAYBE GORO WON THE TOURNAMENT YOU KNOW THE MYTHS TEN WINS IN A ROW ALL TELL US GORON GAVE THREE SAM & SHITTA



CAGE
YOU HATE
TAKE
UN!!

AND
ACTION!

OH WARE
YOU SAVED MY
LIFE ONCE AGAIN
AND YOU SMELL
SO GOOD

THAT'S
BECAUSE
I'M WEARING
MY HEAVY
CONDOM
CASE!

WELL I WIN THE
GIRLS. I'VE
GOTTA SAVE!
GOOD

SOME THINGS
UNEXPECTED
IS ABOUT TO
HAPPEN...

JOHNNY CAGE WILL SOON
FIND THAT HIS RECENT
EXPLOITS ON SHANGHAI ISLAND
HAVE FOLLOWED
HIM UP HERE

HEY
WHAT'S
WITH THE
EPIC S-

AAA

THEY'RE
WRECKIN'
MY BACK
SOUNDS!



ART-SHUFFLE
IN THE LOBBY

HEY,
LADY, WE DON'T
NEED WARRANTS.
WE'RE WITH THE
SPEC. A-SERIES
AND WE'RE TRYING
TO BE NICE
ABOUT THIS.

WE
KNOW LADY
IS TAPING IN ONE
OF THESE STUDIOS.
WE'LL SHUT THIS
ENTIRE PLACE
DOWN AND FIND
HIM OURSELVES
IF WE HAVE
TO.

I'LL
SEE WHAT
I CAN
DO

OH, NO
FOR
LADY

OMIGOD

WHY!
HE DOES
DO HIS
OWN
STUNTS

DAY
DOES
IT?

MR.
TAGG ARE
YOU ALL
READY?





JAX! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

JUST FINE!

I'M GOING AFTER THE BIG GUY!

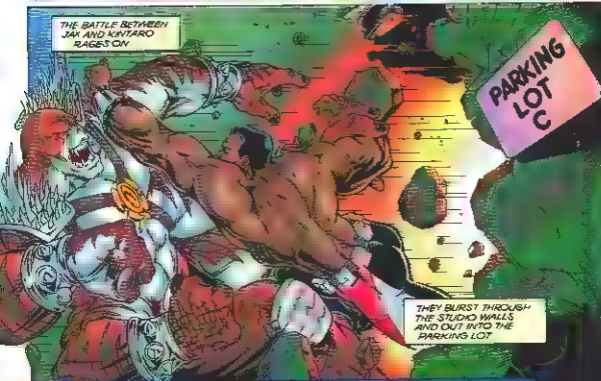
ARE YOU CRAZY?? HE MUST BE 8 FEET TALL!

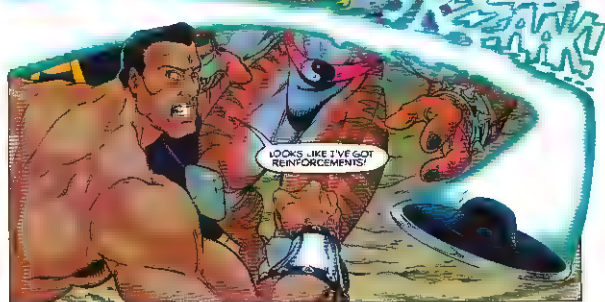
NO TIME TO COMPLAIN, BERAN!

IT'S TIME TO KICK SOME OUTWORLD BUTT!

IT'S RUMORED THAT JAX IS THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH

BUT, HE HAS NEVER FACED THE LIKES OF KINTARO







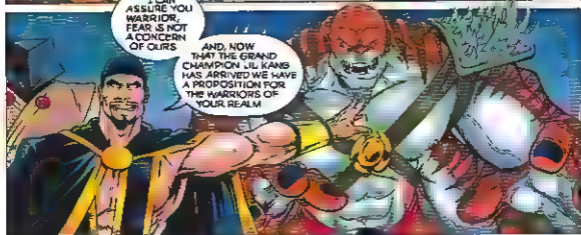
ANY
OF SHANG
TSUNG IS A
FRIEND OF
OURS

NOW
VILLAINS, YOU
HAVE THREE
WARRIORS TO FACE
I WOULD SAY THE
ODDS HAVE
EVENED OUT
A LITTLE

WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
FREAKS?
YOU LOOK
SCARED

I CAN
ASSURE YOU
WARRIOR,
FEAR IS NOT
A CONCERN
OF OURS

AND, NOW
THAT THE GRAND
CHAMPION LIL KANG
HAS ARRIVED WE HAVE
A PROPOSITION FOR
THE WARRIORS OF
YOUR REALM



AS SHANG TSUNG SPEAKS, HE FAILS TO NOTICE SUB-ZERO...WHO DELIVERS A SNEAK ATTACK WITH STARTLING PERFECTION

BUT, AS SUB-ZERO WAS WARNED EARLIER...

WITH SHANG TSUNG, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM



WHAT?!
I SEEM TO HAVE HIT AN INVISIBLE WALL!



AH I SEE THE LIN KUEI HAVE SENT SUB-ZERO ONCE AGAIN YOUR MISSION NO DOUBT. IS MY ASSASSINATION

BUT HE HAS FAILED AGAIN MY MASTER. NOW HE WILL PAY WITH HIS LIFE AT THE HANDS OF REPTILE



THE
LINKUE'S
LIFE IS NOT
YOURS FOR THE
TAKING



ONLY
I SCORPION
WILL DICTATE
WHEN HIS LIFE
IS OVER



FOR I
AM A WARRIOR
NOT OF THIS
EARTH BUT
FROM THE VERY
DEPTHS OF ITS
HELL



MY LIFE WAS
TAKEN BY A LIN
KUEI KNOWN AS
SUB ZERO

I KILLED MY
MURDERER,
THUS MY JOUR-
NEY FOR REVENGE
IS COMPLETE

THIS IS NOT
THE SAME
SUB-ZERO.

BUT
I RETURN
WITH A NEW
MISSION

I HAVE
TAKEN A LIFE
NOW I MUST
DEVOTE MY
SELF TO
PROTECTING ONE

IF
THIS IS MY
BROTHER'S
ASSASSIN
SHOULDN'T I
STRIKE HIM
DOWN?

KRA-KOOM

ENOUGH!
SHANG TSUNG,
YOU ARE HERE AT
GAINST THE WISDOM
OF THE ELDER GODS.
THIS BURNING HAS
TAKEN PLACE OUT-
SIDE OF YOUR MANDATE
BATTLE - AN ACT THE
ELDER GODS WILL
NOT TAKE
LIGHTLY.

I DO
NOT KNOW WHERE
YOU OBTAINED POWER
TO OPEN THE DIMENSIONAL
GATES FROM, BUT I
REMARK YOUR POUL
EMPEROR DIAO KAHN
HAD A HAND
IN IT.

THIS
BATTLE WILL
CONTINUE NO
LONGER. YOU ARE
NOT WELCOMED IN
THIS REALM. STATE
YOUR BUSINESS
SHANG TSUNG AND
LEAVE - OR FACE
THE WRATH OF
THE THUNDER
GOD.

MY BLUEBERRY,
RAIDEN IS TO EXERCISE
MY RIGHT OF CHALLENGE.
AND I CHALLENGE THESE
MORTALS TO COMPETE IN
A NEW CONTEST HOSTED
BY THE MIGHTY DIAO
KAHN HIMSELF.

WE HAVE THEN GRANT
RAIDEN, FOR WE AS MORTALS FROM
THE OUTWORLD POSSESS THE ABILITY
TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL
GATES - "THUS WE ALSO POSSESS THE
RIGHT TO CHALLENGE ANY REALM
WE HAVE ALLEYS TO.



THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN MADE. NOW YOU MUST ACCEPT IT OR FORFEIT.

FORFEIT? EASTERN WARRIORS.



THE DEMON IS GONE!

YES, AND HE LEAVES A MOST INTERESTING SITUATION.

RAISON: THE TOURNAMENT IS FINISHED—WE BEAT GIANT TIGER. HOW CAN HE WANT THIS CHALLENGE? WHAT IF WE REFUSE TO TAKE MANY?



YOU MUST DEFEND YOUR TITLE, LU KANG. THIS IS AN ONGOING BATTLE. IT DOES NOT END WITH ONE VICTORY. TO FORFEIT THIS CHALLENGE WOULD WEAKEN YOUR REALMS STANDING WITH THE ELDER GODS //

YES I WOULD UNBALANCE THE FLURIES //

YES, KING LAO AND SUB-ZERO, YOUR PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN PREORDAINED BY THE GODS THEMSELVES. YOUR ACCEPTANCE WOULD STRENGTHEN YOUR REALM'S CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS MOCUS STUFF, I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY PARTNER.



YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK WHAT'S LEFT OF YOUR PARTNER.

I FOUND HIS HAT NEXT TO A PILE OF BONES RIGHT AFTER THE PREAKS DISAPPEARED.

THEN THE ANSWER IS YES. I WILL ACCEPT IT.





"BY THE UNHOLY DARKNESS THAT CONSUMES ME
I WILL HAVE THE EARTH REALM"

SHAO KAHN